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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) DATE: 12/24/68

FROM : SA LESTER M. LEDBETTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CLARENCE BROWN, retired, 1740 Loma Vista, Riverside, California, telephone 686-4098, advised this date that on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm, 12/22/68, he was watching KTLA Channel 2 at 4:00 pm, entitled "NEWS MAKERS", in which an individual named HUIE, who is writing the story of the life of JAMES EARL RAY, was being interviewed. Mr. BROWN advised he recognized HUIE to be identical with an individual he had known in 1926 whose name at that time was HUEY. Mr. BROWN advised he served with this individual on the US BRECK in Norfolk, Virginia. He stated that HUEY at that time was particularly active in the recruitment of individuals into the Ku Klux Klan and had, in fact, attempted to recruit him. He stated he was aware that he was able to recruit several members of the crew of the US BRECK into the Ku Klux Klan.

Mr. BROWN advised that HUEY was being interviewed by MAURY GREEN and PAUL UDELL and he felt that he should bring to the attention of the FBI the fact that the HUEY he had known who was the person he observed on the news program was originally from Waycross, Georgia and was, at least in 1926, completely anti-Semitic, anti-Negro and anti-Catholic.

BROWN advised that the nature of the discussion on the news program had to do with the fact that HUEY was writing the story of RAY and supposedly obtained his information through RAY's attorney. He also indicated that he had a contract with "Look" magazine to publish this story in the February, 1969 issue.

BROWN was asked as to how he felt he could identify a man last seen 40 years ago, and he stated that from the nature of the speech and the facial features, he was positive that the man who was being interviewed was, in fact, the HUEY he had known in 1926.

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